

DETROIT LAND BANK AUTHORITY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
GUARDIAN BUILDING
500 Griswold • Detroit, Michigan 48226
(Executive Board Room – 6th Floor)

Tuesday, November 13, 2018
11:00 AM

MINUTES

PRESENT: Erica Ward Gerson
Richard Hosey
Patricia Pernell-Shelton
Carol Walters

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Public, DLBA Staff

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Erica Ward Gerson called the November 13, 2018 meeting to order at **11:14 a.m.**

ROLL CALL

Board Chair, Erica Ward Gerson called roll. Four of four members were present, and a quorum was met. Board Chair, Ward Gerson announced that Rasul Raheem has resigned due to his acceptance of a new position that conflicts with his service on the Board and stated that a new member will be appointed by the City over the next few months. Board Chair, Ward Gerson commented on the new location for the meetings and stated that it is conducive to the flow of the meetings and creates a structured environment. Board Chair Ward Gerson also reiterated the rules of conduct for those attending the meetings.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Board Chair Erica Ward Gerson called for a Motion to approve the agenda. **Motion by Member Walters to approve the agenda. Supported by Member Pernell-Shelton. MOTION APPROVED.**

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Chair Erica Ward Gerson called for a motion to approve the October 16, 2018 and October 26, 2018 (Special) Board of Directors meeting minutes. **Motion by Member Walters for approval of minutes. Supported by Member Pernell-Shelton. MOTION APPROVED.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Board Chair Erica Ward Gerson opened the floor to public comment.

- **Christopher Freeman-Hall**, Detroit resident, thanked the group for the opportunity to speak at the meeting and proposed an idea to hire UAW workers, incarcerated and displaced individuals to assist with monitoring homes. Board Chair Ward Gerson requested Mr. Freeman-Hall provide

his contact information to Rhonda Anderson or Adela Bejo and a staff member would contact him to discuss further.

- **Vanessa Peak**, Detroit resident, stated that she has been maintaining a DLBA owned property located next door to her at 19681 St. Louis and GTJ Contractors came out to inspect. Ms. Peak expressed concern about investors in the community and would like to partner with the Detroit Land Bank to determine if homes can be salvaged or demolished.
- **Joanne Warwick**, Detroit resident, expressed concerns about lack of community engagement and stated that she had attended a community meeting with Sonya Mays, CEO, Develop Detroit to discuss repairs/rebuilding and concluded that the project was not in the best interest of residents or homeowners in the North End.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Saskia Thompson, Executive Director, reported that the Executive team has been diligently working on the high-level budget and discussing ways to continue to support staff by ensuring that they have all of the resources needed to place inventory into productive use. A more detailed report will be provided next month.

STAFF REPORTS

Saskia Thompson, Executive Director stated that the Executive Staff would return to providing reports in the next few months.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Audit

Member Hosey reported that the Committee did not meet.

Project Review

Member Pernell-Shelton reported that the Projects Committee met last week and reviewed upcoming projects.

Community Engagement

Member Pernell-Shelton reported that the Committee met last week and commented that she is happy to see DLBA staff out in the community. Member Pernell-Shelton also suggested that Darnell Adams, Director, Inventory work with the Client Services team to create a client survey to obtain feedback from the public about the service they received. Darnell stated that he would work with Kelley Singler, Director, Administration and Operations to create and implement the survey.

Board Chair Ward Gerson encouraged members to think about their current committee assignments and if committees should be restructured after the appointment of the new Board member.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Irene Tucker, CFO, distributed the October 31, 2018 financials to the group and discussion ensued. Irene reported that cash is strong and that the proposed budget has been completed and submitted to the City of Detroit. Board Chair Ward Gerson congratulated Irene and her team on a clean audit report.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolutions

11-01-2018 RESOLUTION ADOPTING EQUITABLE TRANSFER POLICY. Erica Ward Gerson, provided background. **Motion by Member Hosey to approve resolution. Supported by Member Walters. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

11-02-2018 RESOLUTION TO WAIVE THE FIVE-YEAR, FIFTY PERCENT TAX CAPTURE ON PROPERTY OWNED BY JASSIM ERZOUKI. Erica Ward Gerson provided background. **Motion by Member Walters to approve resolution. Supported by Member Hosey. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

11-03-2018 RESOLUTION APPROVING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH JAMES SHEA. Erica Ward Gerson provided background. **Motion by Member Hosey to approve resolution. Supported by Member Pernell-Shelton. MOTION APPROVED.**

Board Chair Erica Ward Gerson stated that she has consulted with General Counsel and there will not be a closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Board Chair Ward Gerson called for a **Motion to adjourn. Motion by Member Hosey to adjourn the meeting. Supported by Member Walters. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.** The meeting was adjourned at **11:34 a.m.**